

NEW FIGHT FOR STILWELL

Efforts to Have Him Released From Prison Are Resumed.

Albany, Jan. 2.—A new attempt to get the release from Comstock prison of former State Senator Stephen J. Stilwell of the Bronx, convicted four years ago of having asked a bribe influence his action as a member of the Legislature, will be made Wednesday before the Parole Board.

Stilwell was sentenced to from four to eight years. The minimum sentence will expire on May 23 next. He spent his first year in jail in Sing Sing and was then transferred to Comstock where he has become an expert farmer. If released by the Parole Board he plans to take up farming in western New York.

He was convicted of trying to obtain \$25,000 from George H. Kendall, president of the New York Bank Note Company to pass legislation forbidding the stock exchange to decline to list stocks for which the company's paper was used. Gov. Sulzer made the charges against Stilwell. The Senate, after a long hearing, whitewashed their associate, whereupon District Attorney Whitman, upon direction of Sulzer, arrested Stilwell and brought him to trial. Many efforts have been made to secure Stilwell's release in a number of ways.

Old Pals, at That, a Cat and a Rat Do a Rat-a-tat-tat

New York, Jan. 2.—Policeman Martin Lautermilch, of Bayonne, N. J., who has gained a reputation for sobriety and truthfulness, declared yesterday that the police cat, which he had set to capture a rat in the kitchen at police headquarters, not only failed to perform her duty but aided the rodent to escape.

For several nights Lautermilch had been disturbed by the rat. He placed a piece of cheese on the floor, put the cat near it and turning off the gas awaited developments with his night stick in one hand and his flashlight in the other. Before long he heard the rat nibbling the cheese, and when he turned on his flashlight he saw the cat within six inches of the rat, calmly watching it eat.

After the meal the cat joined the rat in some frolicking, which ceased when the policeman lunged forward to hit the rat. He says the cat actually picked the rat up by the neck, just as she would a kitten, and ran over to the rat hole and shoved the rodent through it.

"There's going to be a new police cat here, and one which isn't on intimate terms with rats," said Lautermilch.

HIS BREATH TO DOOM TOPER Nebraska Bill Gives Officers Power to Arrest Drinkers.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 2.—The executive board of the Nebraska Dry Federation drafted here today a prohibition law which will be introduced at the next session of the Legislature. Among its provisions are the following:

Any peace officer in the State may arrest any one whose breath has the odor of liquor.

Advertisement of intoxicants in any manner is prohibited.

Sale of flavoring extracts and "whiskey tablets" is prohibited.

It is made a criminal offense to tell a man where he may get a drink.

NOTHING TO DO, FIREMEN QUIT

Fairwood, N. J., Jan. 2.—If Dame Fortune smiles with favor on Fairwood for another few hours the little township will have the distinction of having entered upon its fourth year without having a fire. At the same time the volunteer fire department will find itself without a chief, for Charles Sheelan after 16 years' service has resigned.

The last time the firemen had to pull the ante-bellum apparatus to a blaze was in 1913, when County Physician R. W. Westcott's garage and three cars were destroyed. At that time there were 40 volunteer firemen. Today there are not a dozen.

NO LOVE MOTTOES IN SCHOOLS.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Three little epics of childhood romance, "Johnny Loves Rosie," as well as crudely drawn hearts with various initials inserted therein, are to be banned from San Francisco schools. The board of education announces that there is an unusual crop of early winter romances in the schools, as the result of which buildings are being covered with chalk bullet-doux. Orders were sent out to all school principals to stop these chalkings.

CAPTURED WORN OUT PELICAN

Unionville, Mo., Jan. 2.—J. L. Smith, a Putnam county farmer, was watching the flight of a flock of pelicans the other day when to his astonishment one of the big birds came to the ground, alighting near him. He easily captured it. It is supposed that the bird was tired out by its long flight from the north. The bird measured 10 feet from tip to tip of its wings and weighed 14 pounds.

AFTER THE WAR.

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.) The lesson is plain, distinct and easily read. Our prosperity came as a sequel to war and not as a result of legislation. At Washington, our labor is highly paid because European labor is bleeding to death. Our agricultural and manufactured supplies command a high price for the reason that a destructive war is eating up supplies of every kind faster than Europe can furnish them at home. American producers of all kinds profit by the war, while American consumers of every kind lose by the war, since they are obliged to bid high for their country's output of necessities in order to keep them away from Europe. Thus the war helps the pocket of the producer and bleeds that of the consumer. Just as certainly the end of war will profit the consumer, but hurt the producer.

Breaking all its coinage records, the Philadelphia mint during 1916 produced 238,469,769 domestic coins in denominations ranging from one cent to half dollars, and valued at \$9,344,266.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word.

Battered In Heavy

Seas, British Ship Makes Southern Port

Savannah, Jan. 2.—After a hard fight with a terrific gale in which she lost her anchors and had her wheel smashed, the British steamer Amakura has arrived here from St. John, N. B. She left St. John Dec. 22. Six hours out, according to her officers, she was struck by a gale and attempted to make St. Mary's Bay but failed. The anchors held for a few hours but finally the chains snapped and the vessel drifted in the wind until the seas calmed. The crew suffered extremely from the cold.

MECCA HAS NEW KING.

London, Jan. 2.—The grand sheriff of Mecca, who in July, 1906, raised the standard of revolt against the authority of the Turkish Sultan and drove the Ottoman garrison out of the Holy City of Mecca, has adopted the title of "King of the Hejaz." The Hejaz is a region of Arabia extending along the eastern coast of the Red Sea and has an area of about 100,000 square miles.

MRS. GORHAM SUES.

Eugenia L. Gorham of this city, has brought divorce proceedings in the superior court against George H. Gorham of this city. Desertion, July 1, 1906, is alleged. The couple were married August 24, 1904. Mrs. Gorham's maiden name was Eugenia Crittenden.

ASK INDUSTRIAL RAILWAY

Hartford, Jan. 2.—There has been filed with the secretary of state a petition to the General Assembly from the Grovordale Co., of Thompson, for permission to build an industrial railway.

TO AID SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Jan. 2.—Secretary Redfield today assigned Charles C. Yates of the Coast and Geodetic Survey to assist in preliminary organization of the new shipping board. Captain Yates, it was said today, has assisted in outlining an organization plan and his whole time will be given to the work.

AFTER-WAR TOURISTS

(La Petite Gironde, Bordeaux.) Millions of Americans will come to Europe and will bring with them millions of dollars with the intention of leaving millions behind them. It will be like an overwhelming wave at first, followed by many other subsequent waves. Certainly most Americans will not leave Europe without visiting other parts of France, but, first of all, they will be anxious to visit those parts which will have been visited by the war.

That is why it is to your interest to leave mute witnesses of war to stand. Tourists who return to their own country will talk of what they have seen, but stones and earth, must first talk to them. Certain things must be kept in the state in which they were during the war, such, for instance, as trenches on the Yser, on the Somme, and at Verdun, the quarries of Soissons*** and there must also be kept standing, for a certain time, at least two or three villages or towns ruined by the war, and especially a few monuments, city halls and cathedrals.

RELIGIOUS WARS IN EUROPE.

The Thirty Years' Conflict and the Peace of Westphalia.

Osnabruck is one of the most venerable towns of Prussia. In the closing years of the eighth century Charlemagne designated it as the capital of a bishopric, a distinction which it enjoyed without interruption for more than a thousand years. In 1803 the see was suppressed, the last bishop being Frederick, duke of York, son of the English Hanoverian monarch, George III. In 1858 the city was restored to its religious eminence when it was again made the seat of a Roman Catholic bishop.

It is on account of her share in the preliminary negotiations which led to the epochal peace of Westphalia that Osnabruck is famous in history. In 1644, after all central Europe had been devastated by the great struggle which eventually became known as the Thirty Years' war, representatives of Sweden, the German empire and German Protestants met here, while in the neighboring city of Munster, thirty miles to the southwest, delegates from France, Spain, the German Catholics and the German empire gathered.

The negotiations extended over a period of four years. In October, 1648, both groups of conferees having arrived at a common basis of settlement, the Osnabruck diplomats repaired to Munster, where a few days later the peace was signed which guaranteed the sovereignty and independence of the several states of the empire and which forbade religious persecution throughout Germany. It was this peace, in which Osnabruck played such a vital part, that put an end to religious wars in Europe.

As early as 883 Osnabruck was granted the right to establish its own mint, but it was not until the fifteenth century that the city reached the crest of its mediæval prosperity. Following the decline which was necessarily incidental to the ravages of the Thirty Years' war, it enjoyed a second era of growth.

The two most impressive architectural piles in Osnabruck are the spacious cathedral, dating back to the twelfth century and representing a combination of the Romanesque and Transitional styles, and the royal palace, built in 1682-75.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Men Are So Uncertain.

"Why did you jilt that man who wanted to marry you?"

"Because," replied the prima donna, "I couldn't decide whether he was actually in love with me or merely wanted to hear me sing for nothing."—Exchange.

Keeping Up the Supply.

First Man (with magazine)—What a tremendous number of stories Penley Penman writes! Second Man—Doesn't he? They say he uses an incubator to hatch his plots.—Stray Stories.

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The Business Man as a Peacemaker

The greatest conqueror the world has ever known was not Napoleon nor any one of the world's other great warriors. The award goes to the Business Man, the real, genuine Master Builder, not the taker, but the maker of Empires. He has multiplied wealth, happiness and international good will.

If there ever comes an international agreement of disarmament it will be at the response to the Business Man's demands. The Business Man says that steel is more valuable to all when made into rails, than when casted into guns. Rails mean inter-communication; rails bring communities closer, and when we become closer to people we begin to know them, and when we know them, we love them said the Sage of East Aurora.

If 2,000 years ago a prophet lived who could foresee Peace on Earth, he must have had the "info" up his sleeve that Fulton was going to invent a steam watercraft; that Stevenson was going to invent a steam railroad; that Morse, Edison, Marconi and others were going to get busy with their various stunts, for without these Europe would still be 3,000 miles away instead of "just across the pond."

And the Business Man as he develops Society from a barbaric to a commercial state, evolved, little by little, these things that have brought strange people closer, made them need each other and lastly made them friends. Therefore it looks to me as the real peacemaker of today is The Business Man—three salutes, there colonel! Bang! Bang! Bang!

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